IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re application of: Avi J. ASHKENAZI, et al.. Application Serial No. 09/981,915 Filed: October 16, 2001 For: SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME POLYPERTIDES AND STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Examiner: Blanchard, David J. Art Unit: 1642 Confirmation No. 8309 Attorney's Docket No. 39780-2630 P1C12

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050606), in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period set for the response.

Also filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement providing sufficient identifying information regarding the BLAST results. Applicants respectfully request that the information listed in the Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.